

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please add the following paragraph after paragraph [0021]:

FIG. 8 is a block diagram of a device in accordance with an exemplary embodiment.

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following rewritten paragraph to reference Fig. 8 and the elements included in Fig. 8:

[0011] Another exemplary embodiment relates to a device configured for operation in a wireless multi-hop communication environment. With reference to Fig. 8, the The device 100 includes a radio interface 100 that communicates with relay stations in a multi-hop communication environment and a processor 102 coupled to the radio interface. The processor 102 provides commands for multiple-input multiple output communication via the radio interface when high data rates are needed.